

Esq. M. Kennedy,
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

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United States Branch Mint
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Sir,

The following dies, dated, 1839 have been defaced in my presence by the Comr, by heating them and cutting a cross on their face


Half dollars	3 pair	and one tail die	- 7
Dimes	4	1	9
Half dimes	4	2	10
Quarter eagles	1		2
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Reserved
1 half dollar, tail
1 dime — tail 1/2 in. x 1/4
1/2 quarter eagles 2 h. & dimes

These last will not be used without your approbation.
I would respectfully request you to keep us well supplied with dies of all the denominations. This is the more necessary now, as we have not yet had sufficient experience to have arrived at our great accuracy in hardening. I am desired by our Melters and Refiners to ask you whether the pickling and annealing by the Comr previous to weighing, must be adopted as an instruction, and if so, whether the clippings should not likewise be pickled and cleaned. Let me beg you to lose no time in sending out the 50 carbons which I have ordered a few days since.
respectfully your obed. Serv^t

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